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BEIRUT PLS PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SADAT MEDIATION OF SYRIAN-IRAQI DISPUTE

1. ACCORDING NYT CORRESPONDENT TANNER, SADAT HOPED DURING HIS RECENT VISITS TO BAGHDAD TO OBTAIN PLEDGES FROM SYRIA AND IRAQ NOT TO INTERVENE IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. SADDAM HUSSEIN REPORTEDLY REACTED FAVORABLY IN PRINCIPLE AND SAID HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING WHAT PRESIDENT ASAD HAD TO SAY. TANNER HAD NO WORD ON SYRIAN-EGYPTIAN DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. COMMENT: SADAT GAVE NO PUBLIC INDICATION WHILE HERE THAT HE WAS PLAYING ANY SORT OF MEDIATION ROLE. HIS VERY CAREFUL AND NEUTRAL REPLY TO PRESS QUESTION ON SUBJECT (DAMASCUS 1823) SUGGESTS THAT RESPONSES WERE NOT AUTOMATICALLY POSITIVE AND THAT SADAT WANTED TO AVOID BEING IDENTIFIED AS MEDIATOR IN SITUATION WHERE SUCCESS NOT GUARANTEED.

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